(a) whether any codification on the objective criteria has been made to decide on the despatch of Central teams of States to study the law and order situation on the basis of invoking of Article 355;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and basis for sending such a team to West Bengal;

(d) whether any meeting of the Inter State Council will be convened to evolve some common approach to codify the specific context of invoking Article 355;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Analysis and assessment of law and order and security scenario in the country is an ongoing process in the Central Government. Central officials are deputed to the State in this connection, when considered necessary. As stated earlier, the Central and State Governments have all along been interacting on issues relating to law and order.

(d) to (f) The Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested that a meeting of the Inter-State Council may be convened to discuss the scope, application and interpretation of article 355 of the Constitution of India. The matter is under consideration.

Measures to Boost Development of North East

4662. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Miniser of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the measures taken to boost development of the North East as decided in the Chief Ministers meeting with the Prime Minister; and

(b) the package sanctioned for North East?

of Armed Forces. The procedures is required to be followed. The Action Taken Memorandum containing Government's responses on the National Human Rights Commission's recommendations in its Annual Report for 1996-97 including inter-alia Para 3.27 of the Annual Reprot have been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 10.6.98.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) In pursuance of the discussions in the Prime Minister's meeting with the Chief Ministers of the Eastern States and Sikkim, the Planning Commission has taken necessary action for identifying the projects to be taken up in the North Eastern Region and a budget head has been opened in the Central Government's budget for 1998-99 creating a Central Pool of Resources for funding the specific projects in the North Eastern States and Sikkim. Action has also been initiated for restructuring the North Eastern Council so that it can play more active role in the economic and social transformation of these States.

(b) In October, 1996 the then Prime Minister announced a package of New Initiatives for the development of the North East. The announcement included various schemes in priority sectors such as health, education, transport, flood control etc. There is general progress in almost all the items. of the package programme announced by the former Prime Minister.

Para-Military Forces and Army to Report Directly NHRC

4663. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Miniser of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Human Rights Commission recommended that para-military forces and Army report directly

to the Commission in any instance of death or rape in their custody;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government, keeping in view be belligerent activities of ISI inspired organisations especially in Jammu and Kashmir and North East; and

(c) whether any instruction have been issued in this regard so far; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 has prescribed a procedure to be followed in respect of complaints of violation of human rights by the members

केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल में पदोन्नति के अवसर

4664. श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल के लिपिकवर्गीय कर्मचारियों में वर्ग "घ" के कर्मचारियों को वर्ग "ग" में पदोन्नत नहीं किया जाता, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पदोन्नति न दिये जाने के कारण वर्ग "घ" के कर्मचारियों में असंतोष तथा निराशा व्याप्त है; यदि हां, तो इस संदर्भ में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा वर्ग "घ" के कर्मचारियों की पदोन्नति हेतु क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल के ग्रुप "घ" के लिपिकवर्गीय कर्मचारियों द्वारा उठाए गए मुद्दों की सरकार को जानकारी है। वे, ग्रुप "ग" लिपिकवर्गीय पद पर भर्ती/पदोन्नति के पात्र हैं बशर्ते कि वे नियमों में निर्धारित पात्रता की शर्तें पूरी करते हों।

Karnataka Bills Pending for Assent

4665. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Miniser of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bills passed by Karnataka Legislature pending for the assent of the President and the details of each bill and pending since when;

(b) how long it will take for Government to get the assent of the President; and

(c) whether Government have raised any objection or sought any clarification on the bills from the State Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As on 23.7.1998, seven Bills passed by the Karnataka Legislature, are pending for the assent of the President as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Bills	Date of receipt/ pending
1.	The Code of Civil Procedure (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1995	26.6.95
2.	The Mysore Place (Acquisition and Transfer) Bill, 1998	19.5.98
3.	The Electricity Laws (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1998	8.6.98
4.	The Karnataka Highways (Amendment) Bill, 1997	8.6.98
5.	The Karnataka Co-operative Societies (Second Amendment) Bill, 1997	29.6.98
6.	The Karnataka Souharda Bill, 1997	7.7.98
7.	The Karnataka Inland Fisheries (Conservation, Development and Regulation) Bill, 1996	10.7.98

(b) and (c) Two Bills at serial 2, 3 are at final stage, the four Bills at serial number 1,5, 6 and 7 are pending for want of comments from Central administrative ministries/Departments and one Bill at